



## **RESOLUTION**

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**URGING THE MAYOR TO UTILIZE THE EMERGENCY POWERS AUTHORIZED BY THE PROCLAIMED STATE AND CITY STATES OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE.**

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2019, the World Health Organization reported that dozens of individuals were struck with an unknown flu-like illness caused by a novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") first identified in Wuhan, China; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2020, the first case of COVID-19 was identified in the United States in an individual who had traveled to Wuhan, China; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization identified the COVID-19 outbreak as an international health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a national public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor David Ige issued a proclamation declaring the existence of a state of emergency in the State of Hawaii ("State") due to the COVID-19 outbreak and invoking his authority under the Hawaii Emergency Management Act, HRS Chapter 127A; and

WHEREAS, also on March 4, 2020, Mayor Kirk Caldwell issued a proclamation declaring the existence of a state of emergency in the City and County of Honolulu ("City") due to the COVID-19 outbreak and invoking his authority under the Hawaii Emergency Management Act; and

WHEREAS, both the Governor and the Mayor have subsequently issued supplementary proclamations and orders designed to curb the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization designated the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic of international concern; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and



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WHEREAS, the State Department of Health reports that the numbers of confirmed COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations continue to increase daily, that a number of those hospitalized have died, and that community-spread cases have now become of greater concern than travel-related cases; and

WHEREAS, City and State officials have been working diligently to implement emergency orders to attempt to flatten the curve of the number of COVID-19 cases and to prepare for intense pressure on the City's emergency medical services, housing, and public health infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, there is still a great deal of work to be done, including the provision of safe and clean emergency housing for those populations most exposed to COVID-19 - i.e., emergency care and hospital workers, emergency services personnel, others considered "essential" workers, and homeless individuals; and

WHEREAS, Kauhale villages, which are groups of tiny homes; mobile structures, mobile hygiene centers; and quarantine facilities are projects that could be initiated and completed expeditiously in order to provide the necessary emergency housing and public health infrastructure for those individuals; and

WHEREAS, under HRS Section 127A-13(b)(1) and (2) of the Hawaii Emergency Management Act, the Mayor, in the event of a state of emergency, has the authority to suspend county laws if necessary to relieve hardships, inequities, or obstructions to the public health, safety, or welfare, or if the county law impedes or is detrimental to the expeditious and efficient execution of emergency functions; and

WHEREAS, in his emergency proclamation issued on March 4, 2020, the Governor invoked his authority under the Hawaii Emergency Management Act to suspend, among other things:

"Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, **county organization and administration** as any county ordinance, rule, regulation, law, or provision in any form applies to any county permitting, licensing, zoning, variance, processes, procedures, fees or any other requirements that hinder, delay, or impede the purpose of this Proclamation."; and

WHEREAS, these emergency powers grant the Mayor the ability to address emergency housing and public health infrastructure on an expedited basis; now, therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it urges the Mayor to utilize the emergency powers granted by the proclaimed State and City states of emergency to expeditiously construct Kauhale villages, mobile structures, mobile hygiene centers, and quarantine facilities in order to address the pressing need for emergency shelter/housing and public health needs; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Housing, and the Acting Director of Planning and Permitting.

INTRODUCED BY:

*Thym Paine*

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

APR 7 2020

Honolulu, Hawaii

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Councilmembers

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Introduced: 04/07/20 By: KYMBERLY PINE

Committee: COUNCIL

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Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

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05/20/20 COUNCIL RESOLUTION 20-84 WAS ADOPTED.  
9 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MENOR,  
PINE, TSUNEYOSHI, WATERS.

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I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

  
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GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK

  
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IKAIKA ANDERSON, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER